## **UBC Okanagan Relocation Resources**

## Housing Resources for UBC Faculty and Staff

- 1. Home Ownership Information
  - a. Buying a Home in British Columbia https://www.recbc.ca/about/buyinghome-2.html
    - Procedures involved in purchasing a home, documents required, and understanding the roles of people who may be involved in the transaction. Provided by the Real Estate Council of British Columbia.
  - b. Okanagan Mainline Real Estate Board- <a href="https://www.omreb.com/">https://www.omreb.com/</a>
    - i. Find A REALTOR: <a href="https://www.realtor.ca/meet-a-realtor/#v=location">https://www.realtor.ca/meet-a-realtor/#v=location</a>
    - ii. Find a Home: <a href="https://www.realtor.ca/">https://www.realtor.ca/</a>
    - iii. Market Stats: <a href="https://www.omreb.com/market-stats/">https://www.omreb.com/market-stats/</a>
  - c. New Real Estate Construction Kelowna: <a href="https://www.buzzbuzzhome.com/ca/place/kelowna-bc">https://www.buzzbuzzhome.com/ca/place/kelowna-bc</a>
  - d. Canada Home & Mortgage Corporation: <a href="https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/">https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/</a>
    - i. Provide mortgage loan insurance, mortgage-backed securities, housing policy and programs, and housing research.
  - e. Canadian Bankers Association: https://cba.ca/
    - i. Offer consumer information on mortgages, financing and the Canadian Home Buyer's Plan.
  - f. First Time Home Buyer's Program for BC Residents:
    <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/property-transfer-tax/exemptions/first-time-home-buyers">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/property-transfer-tax/exemptions/first-time-home-buyers</a>
    - i. This program reduces or eliminates the amount of property transfer tax you pay when you purchase your first home. See the website for <u>eligibility criteria</u>.
  - g. BC Home Owner Grant: <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/annual-property-tax/home-owner-grant">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/annual-property-tax/home-owner-grant</a>
    - i. This grand reduces the amount of property tax you pay for your principal residence.
  - h. First Time Home Buyer Grants for Canadians (2019): <a href="https://mortgagepal.ca/first-time-home-buyer-government-grants/">https://mortgagepal.ca/first-time-home-buyer-government-grants/</a>
    - i. A variety of grants and special programs to help Canadians with home ownership.
  - i. Home Buyer's Plan for Canadians: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/topics/rrsps-related-plans/what-home-buyers-plan.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/topics/rrsps-related-plans/what-home-buyers-plan.html</a>
    - i. A program that allows you to withdraw from your registered retirement savings plans (RRSPs) to buy or build a qualifying home.

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- 2. Long Term Rentals (1 year +)
  - a. Mission Group Rental Properties: https://www.missiongroup.ca/rental-properties/
    - i. University District (U-District): https://missiongrouprentals.ca/u-district/
    - ii. Midtown: <a href="https://1920enterprise.com/">https://1920enterprise.com/</a>
  - b. High Point Realty Ltd- Property Management company: <a href="https://highpointrealty.ca/">https://highpointrealty.ca/</a>
  - c. Associated Property Management Ltd: https://www.associatedpm.ca/residential-rental-listings
  - d. Castanet Kelowna classified advertisements: https://classifieds.castanet.net/cat/rentals/
  - e. Craigslist Kelowna: <a href="https://kelowna.craigslist.org/search/apa">https://kelowna.craigslist.org/search/apa</a>
  - f. Kijiji Kelowna: <a href="https://www.kijiji.ca/b-apartments-condos/kelowna/kelowna/house/k0c37l1700228a29276001">https://www.kijiji.ca/b-apartments-condos/kelowna/kelowna/house/k0c37l1700228a29276001</a>
  - g. PadMapper: <a href="https://www.padmapper.com/apartments/kelowna-bc">https://www.padmapper.com/apartments/kelowna-bc</a>
  - h. Rent BC: <a href="https://apartmentlove.com/?p=searchMap">https://apartmentlove.com/?p=searchMap</a>
  - i. Sabbatical Homes: <a href="https://www.sabbaticalhomes.com/">https://www.sabbaticalhomes.com/</a>
- 3. Short Term Rentals (1 6+ months)
  - a. The Shore (1-3 bedroom condos): https://theshorekelowna.com/
  - b. Four Points Sheraton Kelowna Airport: http://www.fourpointskelownaairport.com/UBC
  - c. Kelowna Tourism Accommodation Listings: https://www.tourismkelowna.com/places-to-stay/
- 4. Human Resource's Long and Short Term Rental spreadsheet
  - a. Only provided by request.
    - i. Includes local rental properties that members of the community have contacted HR to specifically advertise to faculty and staff.
    - ii. HR does not inspect properties or evaluate the landlords who contact us to list their property.